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1. Dezső Sulyok is said to be in possession of documentary proof that Istvan Barankovics' Democratic Peoples Party was formed with Soviet consent and that Barankovics is receiving 10,000 forint monthly from the Russians.
2. Barankovics is planning to go to Rome accompanied by Baron Wesselenyi, a Catholic and relative of Baron Gábor Apor, with the object of obtaining the latter's cooperation in influencing the Vatican to restrain the activities of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary.
3. Barankovic's plan was discussed with the Communist leader of Hungary, Matyas Rakosi, who is anxious to use any available means to soften Catholic intransigence towards Communism. Although Rakosi is said to be giving the proposal serious consideration, he has not yet given official approval. Only those in Budapest directly concerned know of Barankovic's plan.

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Comment:

Wesselenyi is totally unaware that Barankovics is in the pay of the Russians and has fallen in with Barankovic's idea in the sincere belief that the Prince Primate's fight against Communism is doing more harm than good.)

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